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GARAGE BAND

3.65 lakh defective number plates found

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What does one do when a traffic offender refuses to comply with the rules of the road? For instance, it is indeed a tricky situation when an offender is happy to pay the penalty and get away but would not rectify the loud horn or faulty number plate.

Now, if offenders aren't visiting the mechanic after being caught, the police are more than glad to take the garage to them.

In a rather unique and innovative way to curb repeat traffic offences such as using shrill horns, defective number plates and defective silencers, the west division traffic police are conducting a special drive where they are themselves dismantling shrill horns, removing the defective registration plates and faulty silencers and handing them over to the rider/driver so that they can rush to a garage nearby and equip their vehicles with accessories or spare parts that conform to the laws of Indian Motor Vehicle Act.

The number of shrill horn cases booked by the Bangalore Traffic Police this year until October stands at 2,725. The total number of cases of vehicles booked for defective silencers is 1,948. The BTP booked around 3.65 lakh cases where the vehicles had defective registration plates.

> "Police personnel, after penalising offenders, themselves removed shrill horns, defective number plates and faulty silencers...
>
> — Kuldeep Kumar Jain, deputy commissioner, traffic

Traffic division deputy commissioner of police (west) Kuldeep Kumar Jain told Bangalore Mirror that the police personnel on duty who intercept vehicles for traffic violations stumble upon numerous cases of shrill horns, defective number plates and defective silencers, but even after they penalise the offenders, they continue riding/

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Holey nexus

All is forgiven as the real culprit it turns out was a pothole

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So, what is the most common sight in Bengaluru of late? Potholes. Soon they may outnumber the number of vehicles on the roads. Many citizens end up in accidents and some even lose their lives.

In a recent pothole-related incident, a biker who tried to avoid a pothole went and hit a car in front of him. However, the owner of the car in question decided to bring in a change by fixing the pothole that caused the accident.

Usually, in such circumstances, the two-wheeler rider would be held responsible for the damage caused to the car.

The incident occurred in HSR Layout about 10 days ago, where the two-wheeler rider swerved away from a pothole and hit the car.

As he tried to avoid the said pothole, he lost balance and fell, while the bike hit the car right in front. The backside of the car was damaged in the accident.

However the owner of the damaged car Ravi Shankaran Venkateswaran did not hold the rider responsible but decided to fix the pothole instead.

Ravi who is the vice president of a financial institution and resident of HSR layout said: "I was taking my son to the restaurant. I had reached a turn near HSR Layout's 7th

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Christmas special

The Holly Jolly Season is here! Make your home a holiday haven with the newly launched Christmas collection from The Yellow Dwelling, a contemporary sustainable furnishing and décor brand. The charming collection of cushions, placemats, curtains, table runners, tree trinkets & ornaments is sure to set the mood for all the year-end celebrations.
Where: theyellowdwelling.com/, all Bengaluru outlets; When: Ongoing; Call: 96062 46004

02 Shop till you drop

An Artisans' Bazaar - Arts & Craft Mela is being held at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. The exhibition will display ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, jewellery, home décor, furniture and handicraft products direct from the artisans and craft persons from across India. Besides the bazaar, there will be fun activities like live music performances, workshops, and more.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: Till Dec 5, 11 am – 7 pm

03 Pottery therapy

Channel the inner artist in you by signing up for these pottery-making workshops. You will be taught how to prepare the clay and use different techniques like hand-building, pinch, coil, and slab. Finally, you will be taught to fire the pots.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Till Dec 5, 11 am – 1 pm; Tickets: 9886294444

All about the new variant

RT-PCR mandatory for international passengers

State announces specific steps for travellers coming from countries where Omicron cases have been detected; testing, contact tracing crucial now

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With around 2,500 international passengers arriving in Karnataka every day, Health and Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar announced on Tuesday that it was now mandatory for everyone to undergo RT-PCR testing.

The minister added that mandatory RT-PCR test was being conducted for travellers from countries where the new variant has been found. "Those who are negative, they will be home-quarantined for seven days.

Those who are symptomatic and negative, will have to undergo testing at home on the fifth day. Asymptomatic people will be tested on the 7th day. If positive, they will be immediately hospitalised and treated separately," the minister said.

"The Omicron virus has been found in 12 countries across the world. To prevent this variant, all necessary precautionary measures are being taken in the state. Considering our population and health infrastructure, we need to be more careful than other countries," he added.

"Preparations including availability of beds, oxygen beds, deployment of doctors and personnel, supply of medicine were also discussed at the meeting. Those who haven't got vaccination should voluntarily come forward and get vaccinated and stay safe.

"Around 41 lakh people are slated to get a second dose of the vaccine. Priority will be given to reach out to these people," Dr Sudhakar said.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

KIA has contactless baggage and ticketing procedures in place

South African's test results in 2-3 days

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) report on the sample of one of the two South Africa returnees, who tested covid-positive with features 'different from the Delta variant' is expected in the next two to three days, according to Sudhakar.

Other suggestions

The Chief Minister will write a letter to Prime Minister urging him to impose restrictions on travellers from specific countries
Attempts are on to prevent viral transmission at an early stage

Family robbed

Three entered a house in Yeswanthpur's Brindavannagar on the pretext of administering a jab for the new variant and robbed the residents of gold jewellery, the police said on Tuesday. According to police, three robbers came in a car and one of the accused, wearing gloves, went inside posing as a medical staff on vaccination duty. He enquired about the vaccination with a woman named Pista Devi and her daughter-in-law Raksha.

When Pista Devi tried to call her husband, the accused placed a pistol to her forehead and the other two accused locked her and daughter-in-law Raksha into a room and robbed 50 grams of gold jewellery from the house. Pista Devi's elder son Vikram Singh, who came home, unaware, was asked by the accused whether he had got his vaccination done.

As soon as he said that he had taken both the doses, the accused fled from the spot.
(with inputs from agencies)

Cluster cases to be retested after 7 days: CM

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Reassuring the people that there was no proposal to impose lockdown in the state, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has appealed to citizens to not fall for rumours.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, he reiterated, "There is no question of imposing the lockdown now. Normal life should go on."

However, he wanted citizens to strictly follow the Covid norms in public places. "Institutions too need to function responsibly by adhering to the norms at programmes conducted by them."

The Chief Minister said that the state government was keeping a strict vigil against Omicron, the new variant of Covid virus while precautions against the Delta variant too were being tightened.

"Government is tackling the issue on two fronts. Test swab samples in suspicious cases had been sent to NCBS for genome sequencing to ascertain the variant."

State government has issued guidelines for setting up clusters where a spurt in the cases had been reported. Those in the clusters are being tested again 7 days after they get a positive report of the first test. About 4,000 people have been tested at SDM college in Dharwad, Bommai said.

Recently, around 13 students of a government-run residential hostel in Hassan and seven medical college students, including an internee, tested positive for Covid-19 at the Morarji Desai hostel in Channarayapatna taluk of Hassan and Chamarajanagar Medical Sciences Institute. All infected students of the hostel have been shifted to a Covid Care Centre, and the buildings have been sealed off. The students affected are studying in Class 6 to 10. The Covid tests were conducted on 325 students of the Chamarajanagar Medical Sciences Institute in which seven tested positive.
(with inputs from agencies)

And now... it is time for your second shot

Doctors say it is okay to get the second shot even if the date for it is missed as the 2nd dose works to up 260 days after the first

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With the emergence of a new variant, people are once again remembering the importance of vaccines. An observable pattern was that as the second wave subsided, so did people's wish to get the jab. Now, around 12 lakh people in the city have skipped their second dose. This despite the BBMP sending them reminders on and before their scheduled date with the vaccine. But the good news is — there is time; even if you take the second shot after up to 260 days of the first dose, it would still work, experts say.

BBMP chief health officer Dr. Balasundar AS told Bangalore Mirror that as of November 30, 12,32,365 people missed their date with the second dose. "We are visiting them at their doorsteps and conducting vaccine camps at block levels in every BBMP ward. People seem to have lost the fear of covid and forgotten about the pandemic. With the new variant being detected, we are trying to spread more awareness to make people realise the importance of vaccine," he said.

Yet again, large number of people are turning up for their shots, many for their first dose. This was the scene at Dasappa Hospital on Tuesday

He added that some people for whom 100 days have gone by since the first dose are worried whether the vaccine would work and can be considered as the second dose.

> **When the situation quietens a bit, people assume normalcy has returned and skip their vaccination**
>
> –Dr Ravindra Mehta, Apollo Hospital

"They can still come forward and take the second dose. About 4 lakh people have come forward saying that they have taken the second dose but it is not yet updated on the portal and we are verifying their documents to update them," he said.

Dr Ravindra Mehta, senior pulmonologist, Apollo Hospital, and member of the BBMP's Covid-19 task force committee, said vaccine hesitancy is a global issue. "There are many reasons for it like people's doubt about the speed with which the vaccine was developed, people's belief in all the false news going around, the side effects of the vaccine, lack of faith in the vaccine or the process. The situation is relatively okay in India in comparison to the other countries such as western Europe and North America," he said.

According to him, if people see more covid cases around and a lot more hospitalisation and even deaths, they make it a point to go vaccinate themselves. "During the second wave, there was an uptake in the vaccination dosages. When the situation quietens down a bit, people assume normalcy has returned and skip their vaccination," he said.

He said the new variant has renewed people's interest in jabs. "When people see curbs coming in they come and get vaccinated. This is the phase when extra effort needs to be put in to re-emphasise on the need for vaccination."

Dr. Jagadish Hiremath, Chairman Aasra Hospital said, with just 57 per cent of the state's population having received the second dose and 10 per cent not having received their first dose, the situation might take a turn for the worse, if the new variant enters the state. "In such a scenario, it is everyone's responsibility to receive their dose of vaccination and support our fight against covid. Those that have completed six months since the second dose especially those with comorbidities may even receive a booster dose. The effectiveness of vaccines last for six months," he said. He said that the second dose has been found to work even 260 days after the first dose.

How to make jabs compulsory?

The Covid Technical Advisory Committee has asked the State Government to take stringent steps for making vaccines mandatory for eligible beneficiaries. Sources said that the committee members were of the view that the government should not compensate the hospital bills for those who have not taken two doses of vaccination. Even suggestions such as making unvaccinated people ineligible for ration or gas and fuel came up. There was also a proposal to make vaccination a must for entry into malls or restaurants. However, the government has not taken any decision on any of these recommendations.

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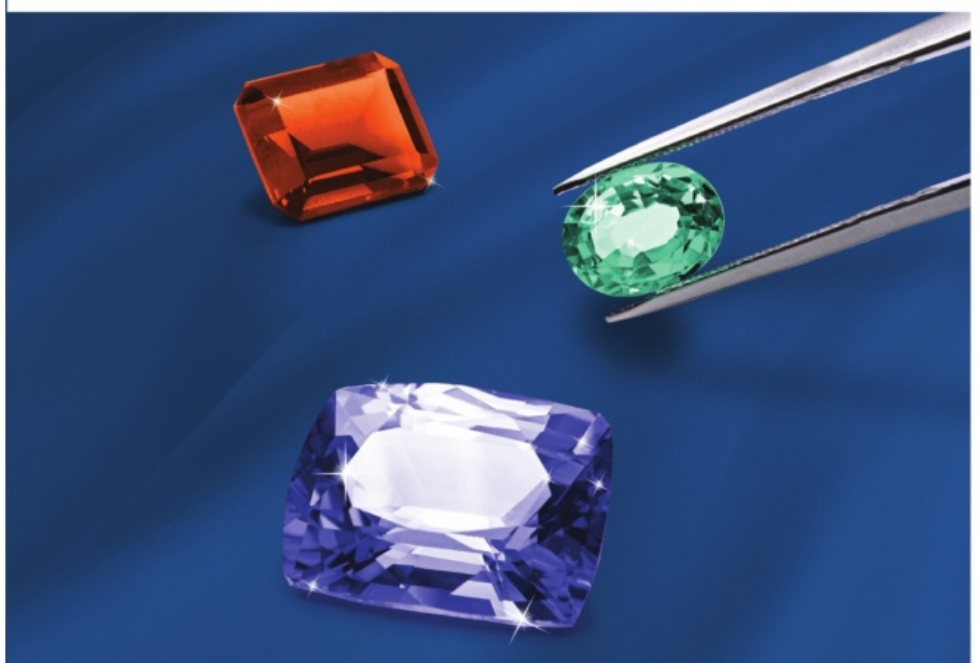

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Holiday alert: Nandi Hills open for visitors

After a three-month-long wait, the authorities concerned finally allow tourists to visit the famous vacation spot again, but only on the weekdays

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The newly concretised road to Nandi Hills. Bottom: Chikkaballapur's Deputy Commissioner R Latha inspecting the stretch post the works on Tuesday

After a three-month-long wait Nandi Hills is finally open to tourists now. However, there is a rule: It is open only for five days each week, from Monday to Friday.

However, those who have pre-booked night stays on top of the hillock will be allowed to stay on even during the weekends.

Thanks to heavy rainfall and landslides, the road to Nandi Hills got washed away on August 24. The road works were hampered due to heavy rainfall in Chikkaballapur district as workers could not work through the rain.

Heavy rainfall in Tamil Nadu also affected the raw materials that could not be supplied on time to fix the road. As the water gushing from the top is damaging the tarred road, the authorities concerned have decided to construct drains and concretise 40 metres of the road.

Four cement pipes are being laid at the place so that the overflowing water can flow through the pipes laid below the road. Officials said that they had planned to construct a 40-metre-long steel bridge earlier. Due to cost-related constraints the officials decided to use cement pipes and concretize the road. Recently, the pipes were laid and a portion of the road was fully concretised.

Due to lack of transport facilities, businesses (shops and restaurants) in Nandi Hills have taken a hit and have shut down.

There is also a proposal to limit the number of visitors; 350 cars and 1,500 bikes of visitors will be allowed to enter per day

Environmentalists said that they are happy to see the green cover back on the hills due to limited human activity as it was inaccessible for the last few months.

There is also a proposal to limit the number of visitors to Nandi Hills. According to this plan, only 350 cars and 1,500 bikes will be allowed per day and travellers have to buy tickets either online or offline.

Chikkaballapur's Deputy Commissioner R Latha, who inspected the newly constructed road in Nandi Hills on Tuesday, said that arrangements will be made by the police to ensure Covid Appropriate Behaviour. She also warned that penalties will be charged if visitors are found defying it.

How to fix the hood pothole

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Main Road. A young man was coming on the bike. We were sitting inside the car, and soon we heard a big bang. The youngster hadn't a clue about the pothole. As it was too late when he saw the pothole in the front, he just couldn't avoid it and lost control. The bike then hit our car, damaging it on the left side."

According to Venkateswaran, many onlookers said that it was the young man's fault and created a ruckus: "The youth panicked.

When I checked, I spotted a pothole and I realised it was a poorly-lit stretch. I didn't want to hold the youth responsible for any damages caused as it was not his fault. I went back home and was disturbed by the incident as the pothole could have cost the boy his life. I decided to fix the pothole and contacted Pothole Raja on their helpline number."

Sourabh Kumar, chief operating officer of Pothole Raja, said: "Ravi took it upon himself to fix the pothole. We fixed the stretch together. It costs Rs 2,500 to fix one square metre and it is done in no time. People can reach out to us on 8147684653." After getting in touch with Pothole Raja, Venkateswaran spoke about his experience: "They asked for the location and a picture. I sent them the picture and the very next day, we had it fixed. I had to pay a certain amount.

Instead of blaming the government, though they have to give us good roads and all, we can take it upon ourselves and fix the small potholes to do the least. If every apartment complex came forward and fixed potholes in the neighbourhood, it will be a great change."

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A hole lotta trouble

RT Nagar

A resident wrote to BM, the stretch opposite Florence Public School is in a bad state; it's spotted with potholes.

Good work

Nandini Layout

BM had reported the case of two open sewers near the Nandini Layout Bus Stand. BMTC has installed lids for the same now.

Safety hazard

Nandini Layout

A resident wrote to BM that the SWD near the bus stand is being modified and the authorities have not taken any precautions to prevent accidents.

Cruelty over confession

Man arrested for brutally assaulting girlfriend over 'double timing'

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A woman was allegedly brutally beaten up by her boyfriend whom she met on an online dating app. He reportedly assaulted her after discovering that she was dating another man parallelly. The woman confessed to having been seeing another man when the drunk boyfriend allegedly attacked her with his helmet and beer bottle.

The woman, Swathi (name changed), 27, a resident of Mahadevapura and an auditor by profession, has filed a complaint against Nithin (name changed) with the police. Swathi has sustained severe bruises and burn injuries on her leg. Police said that she met him on a dating app about six months ago and the two recently decided to get married. However, before the marriage she wanted to confess about the other man she was dating.

"Last week, the two were together in her flat when she confessed to him that she was seeing another man when the two met. She told him that she wanted to marry him as they had planned and confessed about the things that had happened between her and the other man whom she had apparently stopped dating by then. The two had a fight and it escalated when Nithin started to assault her in a fit of rage. He burnt her feet with hair straightener and attacked her with his helmet repeatedly," said a police official.

> **He hit me with my hot hair straightener and threatened to kill me. He even filmed me and threatened to upload the videos on porn sites**
>
> –Victim

Swathi told the police that he had hit her with a beer bottle, helmet, cooker and a frying pan from the kitchen. "He abused me and attacked me repeatedly and punched me on my face. He hit me with my hot hair straightener and threatened to kill me. He even filmed me and threatened to upload the videos on porn sites," she stated.

Police said that she was under treatment and approached the police last Thursday. Mahadevapura police have registered a case against Nithin and arrested him immediately. He has been sent to judicial custody.

Hiring boost in B'luru

Due to businesses re-pivoting and refocusing strategies, the workforce requirement is slated to increase in Bengaluru, according to a latest report. In fact, companies are bullish on their hiring plans this quarter on the back of easing of the pandemic-related restrictions and consequent e-commerce and retail sector performance, according to a report. According to TeamLease Services' Q3 hiring intent trends based on its platform data, the hiring intent for the October to December 2021 quarter stood at 41 per cent, a 3 percentage point gain over the July-September 2021 quarter.

Salaries are going up again, with average salary growth being 8.55 per cent for IT profiles

Although the corporate workforce demand has not touched the pre-pandemic mark, the continuous quarter-on-quarter increase in hiring intent, as mapped by TeamLease Services, points to significant business realignment to adjust to digital transformation needs, the report said. "The workforce number is expected to expand by 430 million approximately by December 2021," the report noted.

Even the salaries of professionals are overshooting, with average salary growth being 8.55 per cent for IT profiles, 9.82 per cent for sales profiles, and 10 per cent for BFSI (banking, financial services and insurance) and healthcare profiles. "The hiring momentum is expected to sustain itself moving into the next quarter (Q4) and calendar year 2022," the report said.

"Overturning the past quarters' economic downturn and reverse migration of labour force, companies are bullish on hiring this quarter, which is a positive trend for the industry," Ajoy Thomas, vice-president and business head (retail, e-commerce, logistics and transportation) at TeamLease, said.

–PTI

When all else fails

The Bharathinagar Residents Forum decided to say a prayer to the pothole gods to keep them safe from injury, on Tuesday

Traffic cops take on BBMP after death pit claims a life

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The Bangalore City Traffic police have taken up a case of criminal negligence causing accidental death against a BBMP engineer, a contractor and also a driver of a goods vehicle who allegedly ran over a leg of a 21-year-old food delivery personnel.

According to police, victim Azeem Ahmed, a resident of Banaswadi, was riding his two-wheeler on Thanisandra Main Road when his scooter fell into a pit that was recently dug up by a road contractor, who had left it open and unattended. The accident occurred around 1.30 pm. "There was no barricading and as soon as Ahmed fell off his scooter, a goods tempo ran over his right leg," Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic East Division, Shantharaju told Bangalore Mirror.

Ahmed's leg had gotten crushed and he was writhing in pain when a few passersby came for his help and called an ambulance. He was then rushed to a private hospital where around 4.30 pm, he succumbed to his injuries. Heavy bleeding led to his death, the police said. Soon after the accident, Banaswadi traffic police inspector with her seniors including the ACP and the DCP visited the spot and took stock of the situation. Shantharaju inspected the spot and found that the part of the side of the road had a dug-up pit, which was left unattended and unbarricaded by the road contractor.

The Banaswadi traffic police have initiated arrest procedures against the BBMP engineer and the driver of a Tata 407 goods vehicle, while trying to gather details of the contractor who have gone absconding.

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'ALTURA'- REDEFINING LUXURY LIVING

Land Trades 'Altura' beckons Smart City MANGALURU

Smart City Mangaluru with its rich heritage, beautiful environs, scenic spots and amazing people is an ideal city for a refreshing style of living. Stunning living spaces that redefine luxury is what some people look for in this fast growing city. Perfectly suited for those with such dreams is Land Trades 'Altura', a premium high-end residential apartment project that is coming up at Bendoorwell. It is the second skyscraper project of Land Trades, following closely on the heels of its equally prestigious completed project 'Solitaire' situated at Hat Hill in the city.

With the stamp of quality from Land Trades Builders and Developers, the premier real estate developer firm of the region, 'Altura' boasts of amenities that are second to none, in a locale perfect for a luxurious lifestyle and peaceful living.

This 32-storey apartment project is one of its kind with a spectacular design, amazing style and superior quality, all set to be one of the prestigious addresses of Mangaluru.

Land Trades has already commenced booking for flats in its prestigious 'Altura' project and the project is expected to be completed by December 2024.

'Altura' will have 114 high-end apartments that reflect class and luxury. It is being built on 1.3 acres of prime land and the construction of the high rise will be executed using the latest world-class construction technologies which guarantee greater structural strength. Each of the spacious 3BHK and 4BHK comes with premium quality branded fittings and accessories to ensure hassle-free living.

'Altura' is being built by focussing on good ventilation and natural light in each apartment that is fully Vastu complaint. The building offers a five-star experience and will also have a Sky Lounge. Apart from top-of-the-line amenities in each individual apartment, residents of 'Altura' will have access to a whole host of facilities for fitness, entertainment and relaxation.

An aesthetic and highly appealing exterior as well as rich interiors will certainly make 'Altura' stand apart from the rest. The project features an extravagant lifestyle that makes the homeowners feel as though they are living at a resort. Complementing the domestic opulence of the homes is the Rooftop Club House, an infinity pool that renders a gorgeous view of the Arabian Sea, Banquet Hall to entertain guests, in-house gym, yoga room, steam and Jacuzzi, children's play area and a wide array of other facilities making it a haven of the ultimate luxury.

To ensure that all safety mechanisms are in place the building will have a full-fledged fire fighting system, superior quality electrical and plumbing equipment and wood with lifetime warranty. Electronic surveillance system, biometric system and 24 hour security provisions are also provided.

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Land Trades is a firm that evolved over the years into a reputed and trustworthy real estate firm of the region. Shrinath Hebbar who ventured into this field through Land Trades at a very young age, has achieved success through his unflinching commitment to quality and timely completion of projects. Every Project of Land Trades is not just a building, but a world of wonders. Land Trades has faced every challenge in the way and has made these challenges as its stepping stones of success. It is for this very reason that Land Trades is today a household name in the region.

Why 'Altura'?

'Altura' promises a great and luxurious lifestyle for those who seek the best in quality. Land Trades, as always is ensuring that best practices are incorporated at every stage of construction.

Being located at Bendoorwell is an added advantage for those who choose to make this as their home. Beautiful environs, school, hospitals, highway at walking distance, places of worship, banks, markets in the proximity all make it an ideal place.

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Land Trades, the leading real estate developer firm of the region is known for its strict compliance to all construction related rules. With a reputation for quality and timely completion, the firm has a well streamlined system to ensure quality at all stages of project management right from design to material selection to construction and final finishing. In order to ensure the best quality output, it has a strong in-house engineering team in place, which has the required experience and expertise to provide effective monitoring of projects. The projects come with the assurance of the company's hallmark adherence to optimum quality and timely completion of the project.

A PERFECT INVESTMENT

Mangaluru, the fastest growing city of Karnataka, next only to the capital Bengaluru, has immense potential. Known as an educational hub and also for its excellent educational and health care institutions apart from places of religious and tourist importance, Mangaluru is also an ideal place for those who want to invest in a perfect home. Land Trades "Altura" can be a perfect fit for such people.

ADOPTION OF ALUMINIUM FORMWORK TECHNOLOGY

'Altura' is being constructed incorporating the Aluminium Formwork Technology to have a strong and sturdy building. Very few buildings in the coast have adopted this technology.

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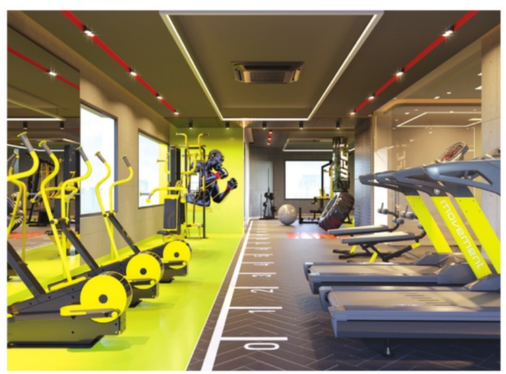

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Yes to female condoms

As survey reveals contraceptive hesitancy among respondents, docs say it is time to make people aware of modes of contraception

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A volunteer lights candles forming the shape of a red ribbon during an awareness event organised on the eve of the World AIDS Day on Tuesday

With more and more people neglecting the usage of contraceptives during sexual intercourse, the risk of communicable diseases like AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and Human papillomavirus (HPV) from spreading increases.

Hygiene and wellness brand Pee Safe recently conducted a pan-India survey, which revealed that around 57 per cent of Indians (among 25,381 respondents) don't use any form of contraception such as condoms. The study, carried out ahead of World Aids Day, has shown alarming responses around sexual hygiene of Indians, from all stratas of the society. To keep sexually-transmitted diseases at bay, experts suggest people get more sex education and understand the value of contraceptives.

According to the data available with Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), the State in the year 2019-2020 had 15,788 fresh HIV positive cases, among the 40,33,484 tests conducted at Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTCs). The data includes 25,82,946 general client tests and 14,50,538 Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC) tests. While, the numbers show a declining trend — the State had 18,251.17 fresh cases in 2018-19 and 18,936.09 cases in 2017-18 – the testing rate has also gone up (from 28,43,755 tests conducted in 2013-14 to 40,33,484 tests in 2019-20).

Experts say the use of female condoms must be encouraged, but say this type of contraceptive is yet to gain popularity. "People shy away from using contraceptives, while some believe that the sexual intensity decreases, for some unavailability and unaffordability are major factors. More awareness is required to be done around usage of female contraceptives like female condoms," said Divya Sethi, Sexual Wellness Expert at Domina by Pee Safe. The study conducted by Pee Safe showed that only 7.21 per cent prefer using female condoms and 4.14 per cent have not even heard of the kind. "The best part about female condoms is it keeps you safe while keeping the pleasure level intact. One can wear a female condom for a maximum of eight hours," Sethi said.

> **Now, they talk about everything (in condom ads) but the actual use of condoms – that is protection from diseases and infections**
>
> –Dr Vidya Bhat

Sexually-transmitted diseases are not only common among people with multiple partners, but also among regular couples, says Dr Vidya V Bhat, medical director, RadhaKrishna Multispeciality Hospital. "Many a times we see UTIs and white discharges among married couples, and mostly men are the carriers. So, definitely a woman condom can help," she said.

Contraception is not the only thing when talking about condoms or related contraceptives. "Condoms are basically to prevent sexually-transmitted diseases and infections. Chronic infections like HPVs can lead to cervical cancer. That is why we ask women to get vaccinated. While availing a female condom, which is just for her protection and health, a woman would be empowered to choose the condom she is using and know what is for her best," Dr Bhat said. Female condoms ensure female orgasm too. "Apart from protection, orgasms for both partners are needed. Sexual satisfaction is a basic need like craving coffee. There is no point if only the man is getting the pleasure," she added.

Dr Bhat also points out the lack of awareness in the country around usage of contraceptives. "Back in the day, condom advertisements were made in a hush-hush way. Now, they talk about everything but the actual usage of condoms – that is protection from diseases and infections. Why can't we have explanatory ads as we have sanitary napkins?" she said. "Many are misguided by the emergency oral contraceptives. They are very dangerous as we get many cases of ectopic pregnancies as a result of emergency oral contraceptive usage. There should be more awareness around proper usage and benefits of contraceptives," Dr Bhat added.

Traffic cops with toolkit

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driving their vehicles with the same horns that contribute to sound pollution, defective number plates or defective silencers; a similar trend was observed during the penalisation of vehicles with tinted glasses. Offenders were ready to cough up the meagre fine amount of Rs 100 for using the tinted glass, and used to get away and still not remove the films from their vehicles, until the cops themselves started tearing it away from the window glass panes.

When a few two-wheeler riders were questioned by the BTP personnel as to why they were not replacing their shrill horns, defective number plates or silencers, they said they were in a financial crunch and could not afford changing the spare parts at this point of time and preferred paying fines whenever they were intercepted by the traffic police.

The BTP observed that the owners of numerous two-wheelers and a considerable number of four-wheelers were indeed repeat offenders. Thereafter, they decided to start a drive where the traffic police personnel who would be equipped with toolkits and mechanics who assist them, would dismantle the shrill horns, defective number plates and substandard or faulty silencers. A special drive was taken up by the BTP recently in the west division where around 25 such cases were booked. "Around 20 two-wheelers and five four-wheelers were intercepted by our personnel last week. The personnel, after penalising the traffic offenders with the new fine amount, themselves removed the shrill horns, defective number plates and faulty silencers if they came across any vehicles that were intercepted by the BTP during earlier instances. Then, the personnel would hand over the removed items from the vehicle/s to riders/drivers who were also given a dressing down, and counselling as to how one shouldn't tamper with standard spare parts of vehicles," Jain told BM.

With this drive, the traffic police learnt that almost every offender, whose vehicle's spare parts were removed, had visited garages this time and not only rectified their vehicles, but also made sure that they purchased horns, number plates, silencers and other spare parts that conform to the Indian Motor Vehicle standards, a senior police officer said.

A calendar, a song to honour Puneeth

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To honour the late Kannada star Puneeth Rajkumar, a Bengalurean, has released a calendar dedicated to him and a song along with the late actor's father-in-law. The calendar is yet to be presented to fan associations.

"While working for one of my online news channels, I covered the actor's funeral and got to witness the emotion of the people. People refuse to believe that he is not with us anymore. To honour their emotions, I decided to immortalise it by designing this calendar," said Amish Kumar, who runs an ad agency.

He has also created a three-and-a-half-minute song, 'Puneethanaada Appu' that uses titles of his Puneeth's films in the lyrics. In the coming weeks, the video of the song will be shot with all cast members wearing Puneeth face masks. "If everyone wears a Puneeth Rajkumar mask, people will see him wherever they look," he said.

Amish will distribute copies of the calendars to fans at Karnataka Rajyotsava celebration venues.

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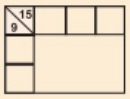
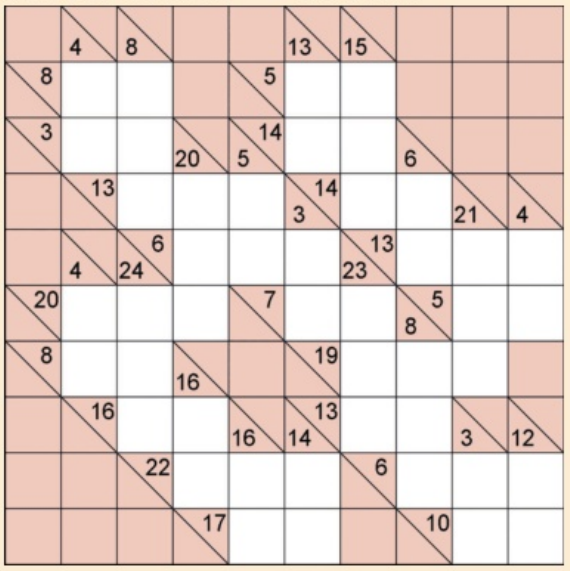


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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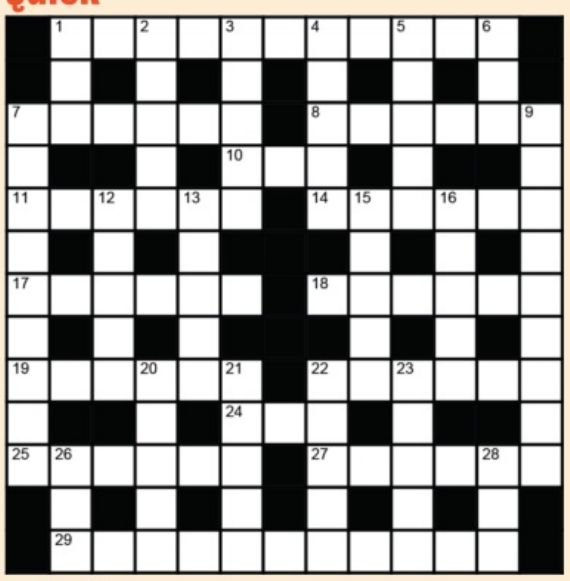

ACROSS

1 Alias (7,4)
7 Cerebral (6)
8 A large, Indian antelope (6)
10 Gad's son ? (3)
11 Converses (6)
14 Very short person (6)
17 Disconcert (6)
18 Work hard (6)
19 Sacred songs (6)
22 Paper handkerchief (6)
24 An afternoon meal (3)
25 Regal or royal (6)
27 Paris tourist attraction (6)
29 Unconquerable; unassailable (11)

DOWN

1 Fearful reverence (3)
2 A precept summarising Vedic teaching (5)
3 Spies (5)
4 Jeans fabric (5)
5 Was unwell or was sick (5)
6 Historical period (3)
7 Popular dessert in Karnataka and the rest of the country as well (6,3)
9 Go between, arbitrate (9)
12 Additional (5)
13 Ex- President APJ Abdul ____ (5)
15 India's cricket trophy (5)
16 Radiates light (5)
20 Give a __ __ : help someone mount a horse? (3,2)
21 Fashion, method (5)
22 Hooked claw (5)
23 A firework (5)
26 Three for Tiberius (3)
28 French street (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS W

GY GW FDWN TCFR TF DAF GR MAHWMFAGYN YH ZGXF DKXGSF YH YCF DLLUGSYFK.

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When are you planning to leave? Me too!

Mindchow

Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother

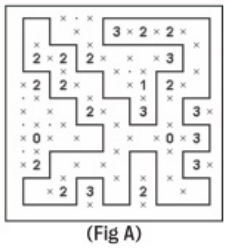
Joke of the day

He who laughs last, thinks slowest

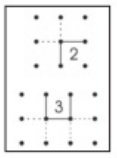
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



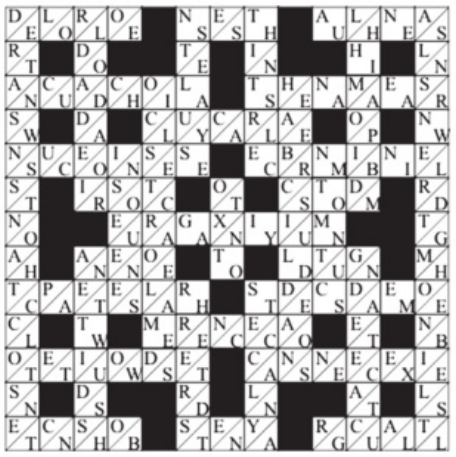
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

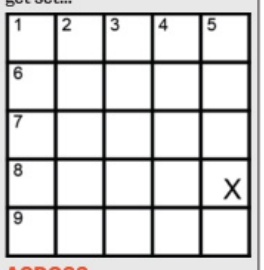
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

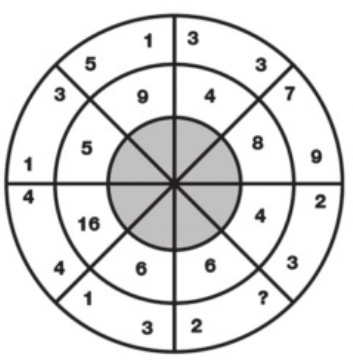
1 Flu as; 6 Col to; 7 Ratan; 8 Exalt; 9 Ox Pry

DOWN

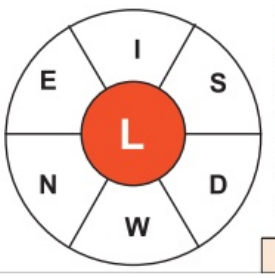
1 Claps; 2 Lunar; 3 To lot; 4 Ref ox; 5 Ay tax

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

15 Average; 17 Good; 19 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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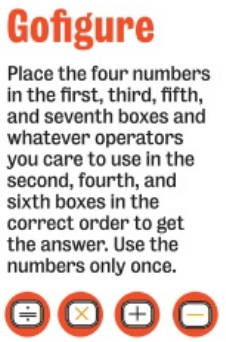
				1				6
8				6			9	
	3	9					1	
5			9			8		3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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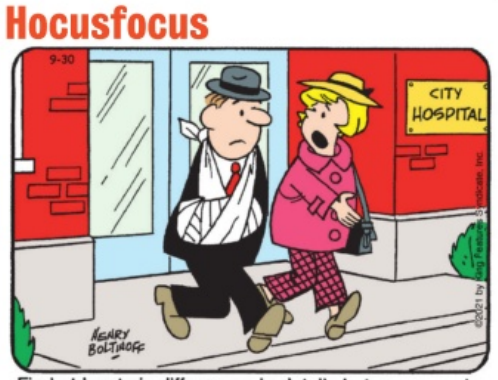


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sling is different. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Step is missing. 4. Bricks are lower. 5. Coat is longer. 6. Collar is different.

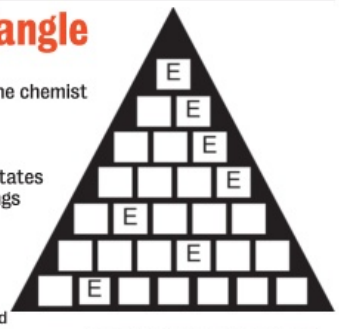
Riddler

A spoonerism is a pair of words that can have their initial sounds switched to form new words. The pairs need only sound the same, not necessarily be spelled the same (power saw & sour paw, horse cart & coarse heart). There may sometimes be one or two connecting words (kick the stone & stick the cone, king of the rats & ring of the cats). Given the following definitions, what are the spoonerisms?

1) a container for a container & the bottom of a coffin
2) a cunning wolf relative & insect foot coverings

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Germanium for the chemist
3 A period of time
4 Anger
5 Cogs with teeth
6 Displeases or irritates
7 Suspends or swings again?



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

LIFE WAS BETTER BEFORE WE ALL HAD THESE MODERN CONVENIENCES, POKEY!
WHAT MODERN CONVENIENCES, GRANNY?
TEPEE FLAPS WITH ZIPPERS THAT GET STUCK, FOR ONE THING!
9-17
Casson

Bizarrotrip

I've been designing dresses since I was five years old.
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Diamond Lil

MY FRIEND'S KID WANTS THAT NEW DOLL SO BADLY
IT'S CALLED "FRONTIER SURFER JUDGE"
WHAT'S IT DO?
YOU WIND HIM UP AND HE HANGS 10
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Hart of the city

IS EVERYTHING OKAY WITH YOU AND BRENT?
UUHHH...? YEAH, OF COURSE. WHY WOULDN'T IT BE?
I DUNNO, I NOTICED YOU HANGING OUT WITH KEVIN A LOT. BRENT ISN'T MAD AT YOU, IS HE?
WELL, NOW I'M NOT SURE!
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Crankshaft

'As the last remaining employee of the "Centerville Sentinel"...
'I feel that it's my duty to keep the community informed.
'The "Sentinel"'s being here makes our politicians behave.'
SALT RAKING
9-24
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence and you are likely to be able to face any type of challenge. This may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience in taking some financial decisions in business. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at peak and you need to regulate it. Self analysis may help you to gain confidence, which may increase your prestige in the society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today . you may not be able to enjoy your work and family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid rushing before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out of the messy situation.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon and mars. You may be enthusiastic. You are likely to start some new innovations in the business, which may grow your business in the near future. You may plan some renovation in the house and office with the help of your creativity. Your network may become strong now.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with family matters. You are likely to hear some good news from your family members. You may also be busy with kids and plan for their academics. Their health may be under control. You are advised to be polite with the people around you, otherwise you may face some harsh arguments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be more happy and have internal vitality, which may boost your confidence. You are advised to avoid delay in making decisions in terms of finance, profession and academics. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with the spouse; you are advised to keep patience, which may help to maintain domestic harmony. Love birds may go on short trips.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and dissatisfied at every moment. You may be a victim of conspiracy; you are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are advised to avoid harsh speaking, otherwise you may face some litigation. You should avoid making investments in risky assets.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may become happy, You may be enthusiastic and start a new partnership, which may help you to grow your business. Your seniors may appreciate your dedication towards work, You may get a promotion in your current job. You may get incentives in terms of rewards. Job seekers can expect to get a new job. Singles may find their soulmate with the help of relatives .

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at work. Your focus towards your goal may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication for work may be tested many times. You may get rewarded as a result of hard work. You may invest in fixed assets.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, your destiny may help you to get success in an easy way. You may visit some religious places to seek peace of mind. You may spend your time earning some intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may do better. Singles are likely to find a good match. Love birds may make some important decisions in terms of marriage

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull. It is advised to be careful of opponents and rivals. You are advised to avoid making arguments with seniors. Investments in fixed assets are advised to postpone for a while; it might convert into dead investment. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in their relationship.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may enjoy time with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with the spouse, which may boost understanding with your spouse. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investment in fixed assets.

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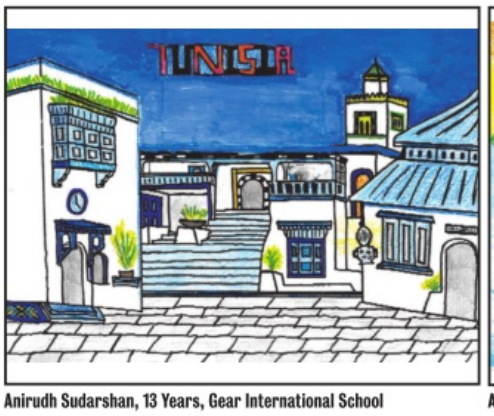

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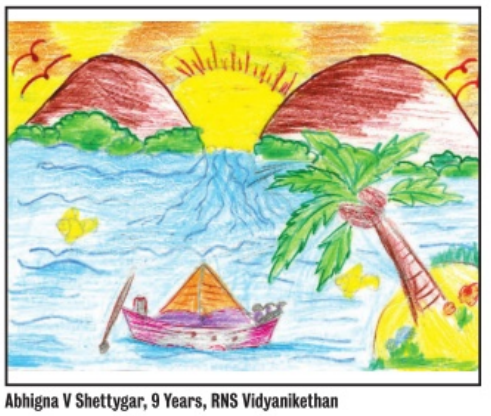

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
1) basket case & casket base,
2) sly fox & fly socks

SOLVE IN 1M
=24÷3(4)
=8(4)
=32

QUOTE UNCODE
It is easy when we are in prosperity to give advice to the afflicted.

FAST FIVE

S	U	L	F	A
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A	N	T	R	A
L	A	T	E	X
P	R	O	X	Y

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
7. The inner digit in each segment equals the sum of the two numbers in the outer part of the opposite segment.

BULL'S EYE
dell, idle, isle, lend, lewd, led, lien, line, lined, sidle, sled, slew, sll, slide, SWINDLE, weld, wield, wild, wile

SUDOKU

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4	5	7	6	8	1	3	2	9
9	1	3	5	2	7	6	8	4
1	9	5	4	7	6	2	3	8
7	6	2	8	3	5	9	4	1
3	4	8	2	1	9	7	5	6
8	2	4	1	6	3	5	9	7
6	3	9	7	5	8	4	1	2
5	7	1	9	4	2	8	6	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, Ga, Age, Rage, Gears, Angers, Rehangs.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 6 + 4 − 5 = 12
Medium
9 + 9 x 2 + 6 = 42
Hard
3 + 2 + 3 x 3 = 24

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 # Sanjay Dutt for Arunachal
Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt has been roped in by the Arunachal Pradesh government to be the brand ambassador for the state. Filmmaker Rahul Mittra has been roped in as the brand advisor

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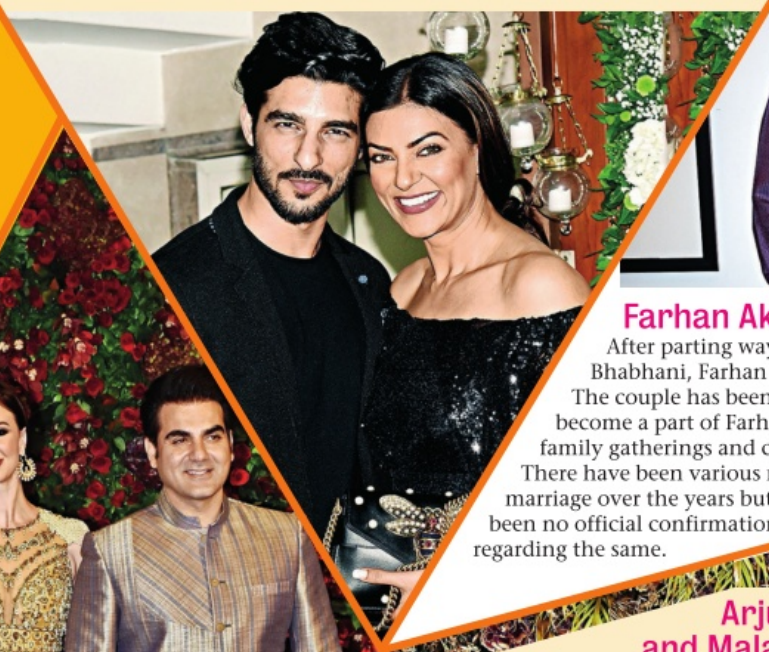
Tie the knot? Not now

Couples who are dating but have not revealed immediate wedding plans

Rajkummar Rao and Patralekhaa officially kickstarted the wedding season in Bollywood by tying the knot earlier this month. We are now waiting for Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's royal fort wedding in December this year, followed by Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt's wedding next year. However, there are several lovebirds in B-town who have been in a serious relationship for a long time now but have no plans of getting married anytime soon. Take a look...

Sushmita Sen and Rohman Shawl

Sushmita Sen and Rohman Shawl are one of the most loved couples in Bollywood. Fans are all hearts for their sweet love story and their mushy pictures on social media. Although they have been pretty open about their relationship right from the start, they have never discussed marriage plans. In an earlier interview, Rohman had stated that he is already a part of Sushmita Sen's family and is very close to her daughters Renee and Alisah. As far as marriage is concerned, when it happens, they won't hide it.



Farhan Akhtar and Shibani Dandekar

After parting ways with his longtime partner and wife Adhuna Bhabhani, Farhan Akhtar started dating Shibani Dandekar in 2018. The couple has been growing strong ever since. Shibani has already become a part of Farhan's family and is often seen attending family gatherings and celebrating festivals with them. There have been various reports speculating a marriage over the years but there has been no official confirmation regarding the same.

Arbaaz Khan and Giorgia Andriani

Arbaaz Khan started dating Giorgia Andriani in 2017 after he separated from his wife Malaika Arora. They have been dating for a long time now and also spent time with each other during the lockdown last year. Although rumours about their marriage keep doing the rounds in the media, Giorgia, in an earlier interview stated that if and when they do get married, they will let everybody know.

Arjun Kapoor and Malaika Arora

After keeping their relationship a secret for a long time, Arjun Kapoor and Malaika Arora expressed their love for each other in public. And ever since then, they have been painting the town red with their love story. Despite facing a lot of criticism for their age gap, they have been going strong in their relationship. However, both of them have made it amply clear many times in the past, that they are not planning to get married anytime soon.

Arjun Rampal and Gabriella Demetriades

After ending his 21 year old marriage with Mehr Jessia, Arjun Rampal started living with his girlfriend Gabriella Demetriades. The couple welcomed their son Arik in 2019. Their loved-up pictures and videos on social media are a treat for their fans. Arjun and Gabriella have apparently not decided anything about tying the knot.

Cops give Arjun Sarja a clean chit

Popular south Indian actor Arjun Sarja has been cleared of sexual misconduct charges levelled against him by south Indian actress Sruthi Hariharan when she came out with her MeToo story.

The Karnataka police have submitted a 'B-report' to the First Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court in this regard, police said on Tuesday.

Actress Sruthi Hariharan has made a four-page statement against Arjun Sarja on her social media as part of 'Me Too campaign' and revealed how she was affected by the incident voicing her support for the #MeToo Movement. The case was taken up by the Cubbon Park police three years ago.

Sruthi alleged that before a shot, the actor, on the pretext of a rehearsal, hugged her and ran his hands up and down her back without her consent. Police also said that Sruthi Hariharan has also received official communication about it. After legal proceedings and inquiry, due to the lack of evidence, Arjun Sarja has been cleared of all charges against him, the police said.

Sruthi Hariharan had alleged that she faced sexual harassment during the shoot of the movie 'Vismaya'.

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The Lost Daughter wins big

Maggie Gyllenhaal's Elena Ferrante adaptation ``The Lost Daughter`` won four Gotham Awards including best feature film at the 31st Gotham Awards, the annual New York independent film celebration that serves as a boozy kickoff to Oscar season.

Gyllenhaal won breakthrough director and best screenplay for her directorial debut, and star Olivia Colman shared the award for outstanding lead performance with Frankie Faison, "The Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain", a drama based on the 2011 police shooting in White Plains, New York. "The Lost Daughter", a Netflix release, opens in theaters December 17.

As one of the first stops in the long march to the Oscars, Gothams was the first attempt since the pandemic began to summon all the season's glitz. Stars including Kristen Stewart, Tessa Thompson and Dakota Johnson walked the red carpet.